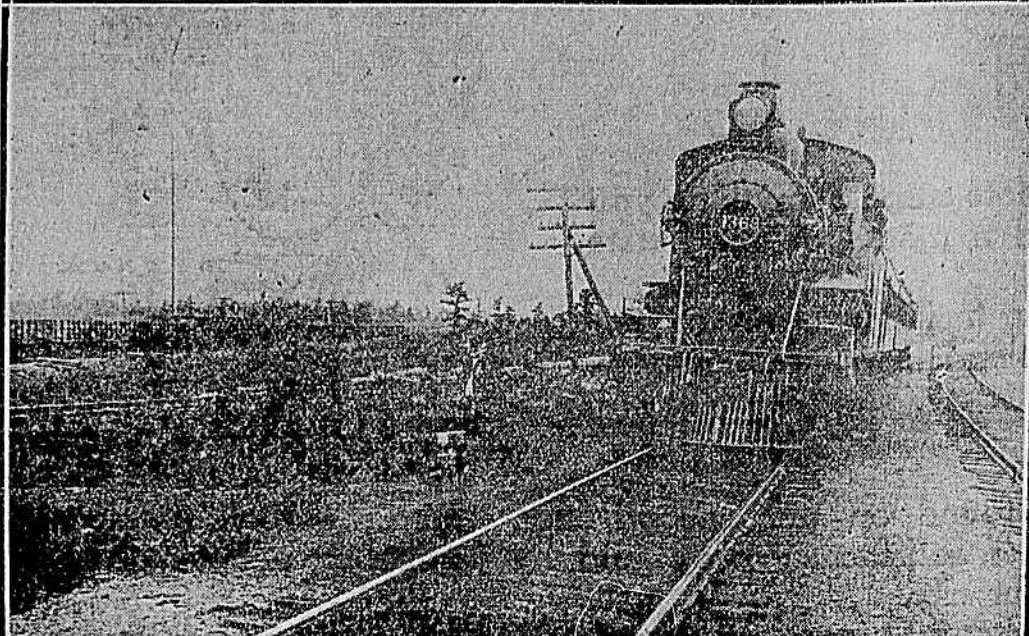
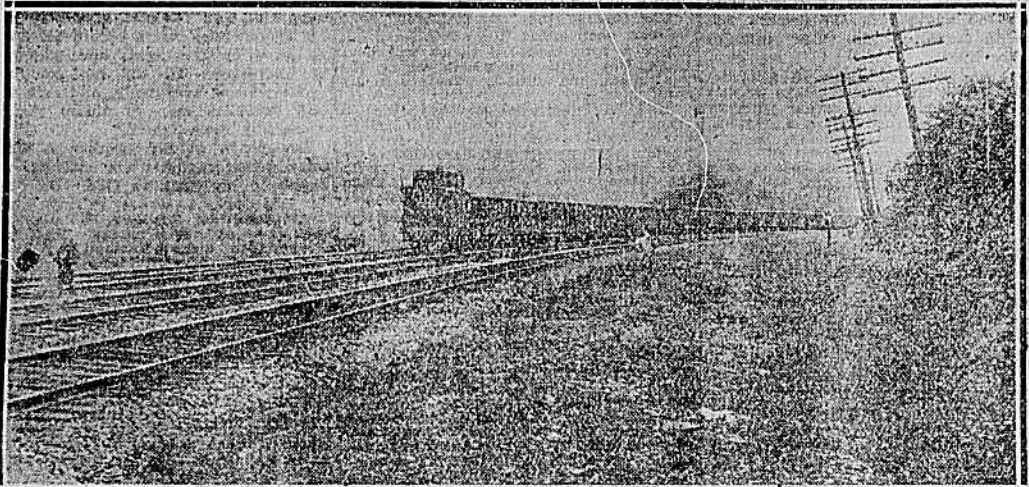


THE TELEPHONE HELPS TO MOVE TRAINS RAPIDLY

It Is Supplanting the Telegraph as a Means of Communication in Railroad Operation—Conductors Can Call Headquarters Now From Any Station on the Road.



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A COAL TRAIN IS STALLED, AND THE CONDUCTOR TELLS THE NEWS TO HEADQUARTERS.

Within a remarkably short time since the first experiments were made, the system of dispatching trains by telephone has been developed to a high state of efficiency. In all sections of the country the telephone is now supplanting the telegraph as a means of directing the movement of railroad traffic.

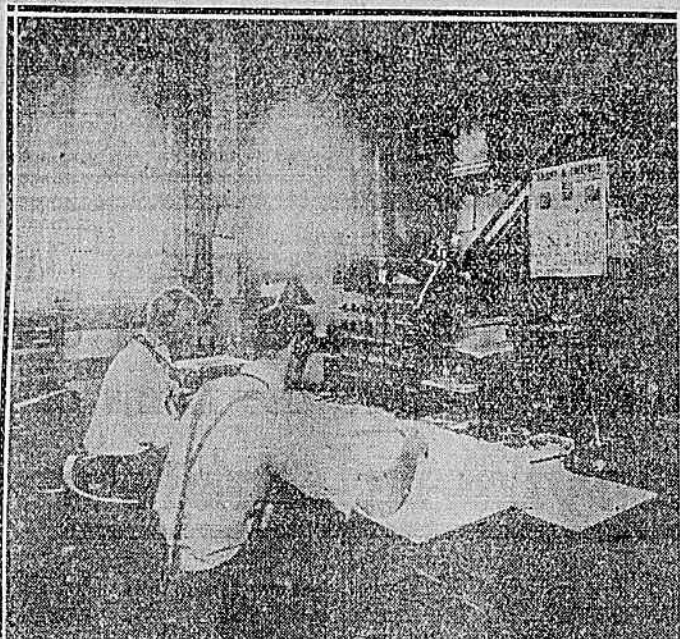
Not only is the telephone used for dispatching, but it is now possible for trains on the road to communicate with headquarters at any time. If a locomotive breaks down, or if some accident happens to a car, the conductor can make a connection with wires along the line of the road and summon relief at once. All he has to do is to lift his portable telephone apparatus out of the train and run up an extension pole to the wires overhead. Then, for all practical purposes, he is as close to the dispatcher or division superintendent as if he stood together in the same office.

One of the railroads now reports that it has equipped almost its entire line with telephone apparatus, and that the telegraph will be abandoned for dispatching purposes. First the company made experiments with phones on its Mahanoy and Hazleton Division, in the anthracite region of Pennsylvania. These were so successful that it was promptly decided to extend the system over the other divisions of the road.

Everything that expedites the movement of trains is a benefit to travelers and shippers, and so the telephone can now receive the credit for rendering one more valuable service to the American public.

It is one of the many agencies—such as doubletracking, the construction of more powerful locomotives, and the reduction of grades—which have tended to many railroad operation more efficient in recent years.

The new system has even exceeded the hopes of the officials. It is found that the communication between the dispatcher and offices along the line is much less subject to delays than it formerly was. Whenever he desires the dispatcher may talk directly to engineers and conductors; and this is



THE TRAIN DISPATCHER IN THE HAZLETON OFFICE, GIVING ORDERS BY TELEPHONE.

found very useful in making instructions absolutely clear with the minimum waste of words and time. Strict rules govern the sending and receiving of all messages. Numbers of trains and engines and the names of stations must be pronounced distinctly and then spelled out in full. The person at the receiving end writes out the order from the dispatcher exactly as it is received by telephone.

By a device known as a "selector" the dispatcher can call any office he chooses without calling other offices. In a general way the "selector" may be compared to the face of a clock, with the names of stations in place of the numbers.

Pointing the hand or indicator to "Albion," for example, the dispatcher rings up that place without disturbing the agent in the office at Bethlehem, March, or any other station along the line.

The difficulty of summoning the man at the receiving end—a difficulty which is often present with the telegraphing system—is completely done away with when telephones are used. Part of the scheme of operation of the "selector" is to make the going in the desired direction, and continue ringing, until the call is answered. In the case of telegraphic dispatching, atmospheric conditions have a great deal to do with the sounding of the instrument, as it is necessary to adjust the "relay" to the changes in the weather. With the telephone works well in all weather.

If a man in any office along the line wants to call the dispatcher he first pulls the telephone arm forward, places his ear to the receiver, and listens. If the line is busy, he waits for his chance and announces his presence by depressing a foot switch and giving the name of his station. The dispatcher acknowledges the call by saying "right" or "cut out"; the latter expression is equivalent to the more general one, "ring off." The bulletin issued to employees informs them "the best results are obtained by speaking directly into the transmitter in a monotone, that is, an even tone of voice that is neither raised nor lowered."

Christiansburg Social News

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Christiansburg, Va., October 29.—St. Thomas' Church was the scene of a pretty marriage on Wednesday morning at 9:30 o'clock, when the first wedding ever celebrated in the church, took place. Miss Minnie Sue Elliott, daughter of Mrs. R. T. Elliott, became the bride of Dr. James Lorenzo Morgan, the ceremony being performed by Rev. George Vest, of Norfolk, Va., a former pastor of the bride's.

The church decorations of chrysanthemums, ferns, potted plants and candles were unusually attractive. The bride party entered the church to the strains of Mendelssohn's wedding march, rendered by Mrs. Huxley Elliott of Princeton, W. Va. The maid of honor was Miss Bessie Elliott. The bride, attired in a traveling gown of dark blue, and carrying a white and gold prayer-book, entered with her brother, Guy S. Elliott. The groom had as his best man, Burt C. Phlegar. The ushers were Beverly Elliott, of Charlottesville, O.; Burke Morgan, of Floyd Courthouse, and Walter B. Elliott, of Blacksburg, Dr. and Mrs. Morgan left on the morning train for a stay in Northern cities. Immediately after the rehearsal of the marriage on Tuesday evening, the bridal party and out-of-town friends were entertained by Mrs. R. T. Elliott.

Mrs. William Flannagan entertained the Wednesday Betterment Club this week. The invited guests were Miss Lillian Howard, of Floyd Courthouse; Mrs. J. M. Ellis, Mrs. Lattie Moore, of Elliston, and Mrs. John Bennett, of Florida.

Misses Lula and Willie Halstrom, of Walnut Cove, N. C., are guests of Miss Frank Dunkle.

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Misses Beatrice Calhoun and Aline Eoff have returned from a two weeks' trip in Mr. Calhoun's automobile. They visited Roanoke, Staunton, Lexington, Charlottesville, Winchester and Washington.

Miss Ella Sprinkle has returned from a visit to Greenwood, Albemarle county.

Louisa Social News

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Louisa, Va., October 29.—John H. Montague, Jr., of Richmond, was in Louisa Thursday.

Misses Alma and Mabel Flannagan spent several days in Richmond this week.

John Bibb, of Louisa, has accepted a

position in Mexico.

Mrs. Pierce Horn, of Washington, D. C., is visiting Mrs. Floyd Chaney, at Glenmary.

Mrs. A. T. Gordon left for Richmond Wednesday. She is the guest of Mrs. Saunders and Mrs. C. R. Caperton.

Mrs. R. L. Barret has returned from a pleasant visit to her daughter, Mrs. William McClendon, in Chantanooga.

Beaver Dam Social News

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Beaver Dam, Va., October 29.—Robert Terrell, Miss Levy, Miss Crawly and Miss McGee attended the teachers' meeting in Ashland, Friday.

Mrs. Frank Harris has returned from

a short trip to Richmond.

Miss Jessie Horn, of Doanville, was the guest of Mrs. J. L. Thompson, a few days ago.

Miss Odie Moss visited Richmond last week.

Mrs. William Farmer has returned to Washington, after a visit to friends here.

Mrs. B. F. Winn has returned to Richmond, after a visit to her sister, Mrs. Noly Johnson.

Mr. and Mrs. Sutton, of Caroline, were the guests of Mrs. Nannie Yeaman recently.

Mrs. W. D. Terrell, Jr., who has been visiting relatives here, has returned to her home in Richmond.

Mrs. J. L. Thompson recently visited Mrs. H. H. Terrell, of Duckers.

Willie Walton, of Ashland, was the guest of Joe Johnson last week.

Suffolk Social News

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Suffolk, Va., October 29.—The Suffolk Literary Club met Thursday afternoon with Mrs. Lee Britt, in Main Street.

The principal business was the election of a new member. This closed a

sociation of women of letters is limited to twenty-five members. Recently one resigned, and Thursday's meeting was held to fill the vacancy, which was supplied by votes of those present.

Dr. Thomas H. Barnes returned Tuesday from Williamsburg, where he attended a meeting of the William and Mary College executive committee.

Miss Virginia Jenken, of Isle of Wight county, have concluded a visit to Suffolk friends.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Ralph Artman, of Birmingham, Ala., are guests of relatives at their former home in Suffolk.

Mrs. Frank Gill, of Norfolk, has completed a visit to friends in Suffolk.

The Suffolk Book Club was entertained Wednesday by Mrs. Florence Harvey at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. V. Ballard, in Main Street.

Lee Shaffer, of Clarksburg, W. Va., this week visited his former home in Suffolk.

Miss Annie Alexander, of Norfolk, was guest this week at the home of Colonel and Mrs. J. E. West.

Miss Dolly Whaley, of Norfolk, has finished a visit with friends and relatives in Suffolk.

The Magazine Club met Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. Henry Beth Ely, in Main Street.

Mr. and Mrs. Miller, of Knoxville, Tenn., are in Suffolk as guests of their daughter, Mrs. Wesley Mayo, of Suffolk.

Mrs. H. M. Bruce has returned from

Tarboro, N. C.

Rev. W. V. Staley, D. D., has returned from Troy, O., where he attended sessions of the American Christian Convention.

Professor N. C. Starke, of Petersburg, has concluded a visit to his old home in Suffolk.

Charles Eley, of St. Louis, was entertained this week by relatives in Suffolk.

Cismont Social News

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Cismont, Va., October 29.—The Cobham Bridge Club gathered for a delightful meeting Wednesday, at Mrs. George Houghton's. Contrary to the usual program, the guests assembled at 11 A. M., and at 1 o'clock enjoyed a particularly beautiful and delicious lunch. The game continued afterwards for a short while. Those present included Mr. and Mrs. George Houghton, Mr. and Mrs. Sholto Douglas, Dr. and Mrs. Mowitz, Mr. and Mrs. Rankin, Mrs. Bloom and Miss Edith Rankin.

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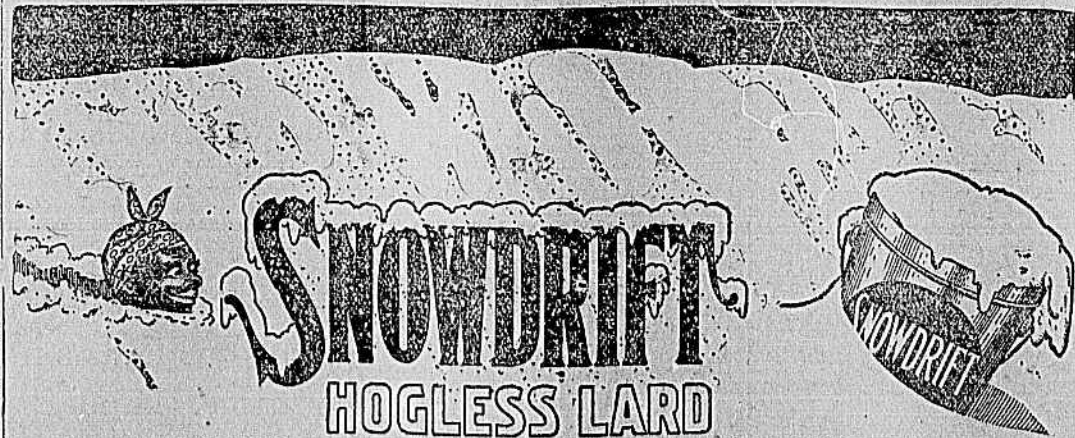
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